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Dear Josh,

Your telegram came only a day after André Lwoff's letter. Though it is possible that Lwoff is exaggerating the danger, I nevertheless immediately got in touch with Mahler as well as the Australian Prime Minister and Minister for Health. I hope we can manage to stave off extreme developments. Of course, if WHO expels Israel as a member state of the World Health Assembly, then I feel we have no option but to resign. If, as I suspect is very much more likely, some less extravagant action against Israel is taken, then we shall have to consider our position in the light of the resolutions actually passed. In any case, I believe it most important that we act as a group on the matter. For example, if you and I resign but Monod and de Duve stayed on, our gesture would be much less meaningful. I wonder whether you could act as an information and communication centre on this thing for the next few weeks ?

Yours, as ever

